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DWD Opens Applications for Fast Forward Workforce Grants

Grant funding to support workforce training programs

The Wisconsin Fast Forward (WFF) program issues grants to help fund innovative and collaborative customized worker training programs, including apprenticeships, in all industry sectors, including health care. WFF helps grow the workforce, partnerships and earning power for incumbent workers and individuals new to the workforce.

Grants are available to companies of any size in all industry sectors and range from \$5,000 to \$400,000. A grantee serving as an applicant for a consortium of employers may apply for more than \$400,000. There is a cash or in-kind match equal to 50% of the grant award amount required. Grantees must complete training of at least 85% of the contracted number of trainees, and at least 75% of incumbent trainees must receive increased wages.

Applications are due by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2025. For additional information or to download an application, consult the Grant Program Announcement and related grant program materials.

You can reach out to WHA's Ann Zenk if you have questions about this or any other workforce issue.

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